Printing of currency notes by Private Sector Company

2610. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow printing of currency notes by a controversial Indian Company in association with an Australian Company;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposal has been recommended by the Reserve Bank of India; and

(d) if so, the reasons for allowing a private sector company to enter in such a sensitive area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHEPATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Investment in manufacturing and mining by Public Sector, Private Sector Companies

2611. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister, of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total investment made by Public Sector Companies visa-vis Private Limited Companies in manufacturing and mining during 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(b) what were the profits made by the respective sectors before and after tax payment in the said years; and

(c) what were the provisions made for depreciation and interest, sector-wise in those years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHEPATIL): (a) to (c): *Public* Sectorlnformation so far as Central Public Undertakings are concerned is available inTable 5.4 and Statement 4 and 5 ofVolume I of the Public Enterprises Survey 1997-98 and 1998-99 which were laid in the Rajya Sabha on 26.2.1999 and 15.3.2000 respectively and are published document.

Private Sector. As per the estimates of National Accounts Statistics, investment measured by Gross Fixed Capital Formation which includes

investment by private companies is given below:

(Rs. in Crores)

(Mining & Quarrying)	1997-98	1998-99 (Quick Estimates)
At Current Prices	436	419
At 93-94 Prices	357	336
(Manufacturing)		
At Current Prices	126419	116478
At 93-94 Prices	103211	93612

The data for selected non-Govemment non-financial public/private limited companies as provided by Department of Statistics Analysis and Computer Services (RBI) for the year 1997-98 and 1998-99 is given in Statement.

Statement

Data for selected non-Government non-financial public/private limited companies for the year 1997-98 and 1998-99 including the data for selected mining and manufacturing companies for the required items

(Amounts in Rs. Lakh)

Item	Selected Public Limited Companies		Selected Private Limited Companies.	
	1997-98	1998-99	1997-98	1998-99
1	2	3	4	5
All Companies				
Number of Companies	1848	1848	890	890
1. Depreciation provisions	II3II99	1294365	12640	13868
2. Interest payments	1530681	1701341	14617	15673
3. Profits before tax	1482818	1257621	16380	18168
4. Profits after tax	1091750	863121	11079	11484
5. Total sources/Uses of funds	5043400	4338258	46841	36237
Manufacturing Companies				
Number of Companies	1446	1446	602	602
1. Depreciation provisions	980189	1104133	8325	8789
2. Interest Payments	1345102	1496178	10934	11433
3. Profits before tax	1147419	868895	7854	9122

1	2	3	4	5
4. Profits after tax	83.1454	561798	5328	6116
5. Total Sources/Use of Funds	4003285	3219779	30144	20771
Mining Companies				
Number of Companies	12	12	8	8
1. Depreciation Provisions	4 1 1 8	4761	121	134
2. Interest Payments	5175	5403	140	180
3. Profits before tax	7917	-554	187	285
4. Profits after tax	5155	^794	169	269
5. Total Sources / Uses of funds	187%	8116	1602	369

Seizure of Heroin in Pathankot

2612 SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 17 Kg. of heroin worth Rs. 17 crore in international market from a truck in Pathankot on 8th February, 2001 or so;

(b) if so, the details of the persons apprehended in this regard and the gang, if any, found engaged in the smuggling racket and the route adopted for the purpose;

(c) whether any link between smugglers and militants has been established; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THEMlMSreROFSTATEINTHEMINlSTOYOFFlNANCE(SHRIGING N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir, The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence have seized 16,06 Kgs. of heroin, which were contained in 17 packets and concealed in the spare tyre (stepni) of a truck, at Pathankot, on 8.2.2001. The value of the seized heroin is estimated to be approximately Rs. 52.20 lakhs in the local market and Rs. 16 crores in the international market.

(b) One person, Shri Dilbagh Singh, S/o. Shri Shinda Singh, r/o, Village-Panju Rai, P.O. Preet Nagar, Tehsil-Ajnala, District-Amritsar, who was the sole occupant of the said truck was arrested. Investigations conducted so far indicate that the truck had come from Jammu side through Lakhanpur barrier to Pathankot with the heroin, which had been smuggled from Pakistan. Investigations also indicate the involvement of one Shri Mukhtiar Singh @ Kaku for whom Shri Dilbagh Singh was working.